



Republican Policy Committee

Don Nickles, Chairman Doug Badger, Staff Director 347 Russell Senate Office Building (202)224-2946

October 19, 1995

Most Dramatic Middle-Class Tax Cut Since 1981

Senate Finance Committee Delivers the Middle-Class Tax Cut Clinton Only Promised

The attached chart shows that the Senate Finance Committee's tax plan is a true middle-class tax cut with over 80 percent of the tax cuts going to those making under \$100,000 in the first five years. In contrast to President Clinton's never-fulfilled promise of a middle-class tax cut, the Senate Finance Committee has delivered for America's middle class.

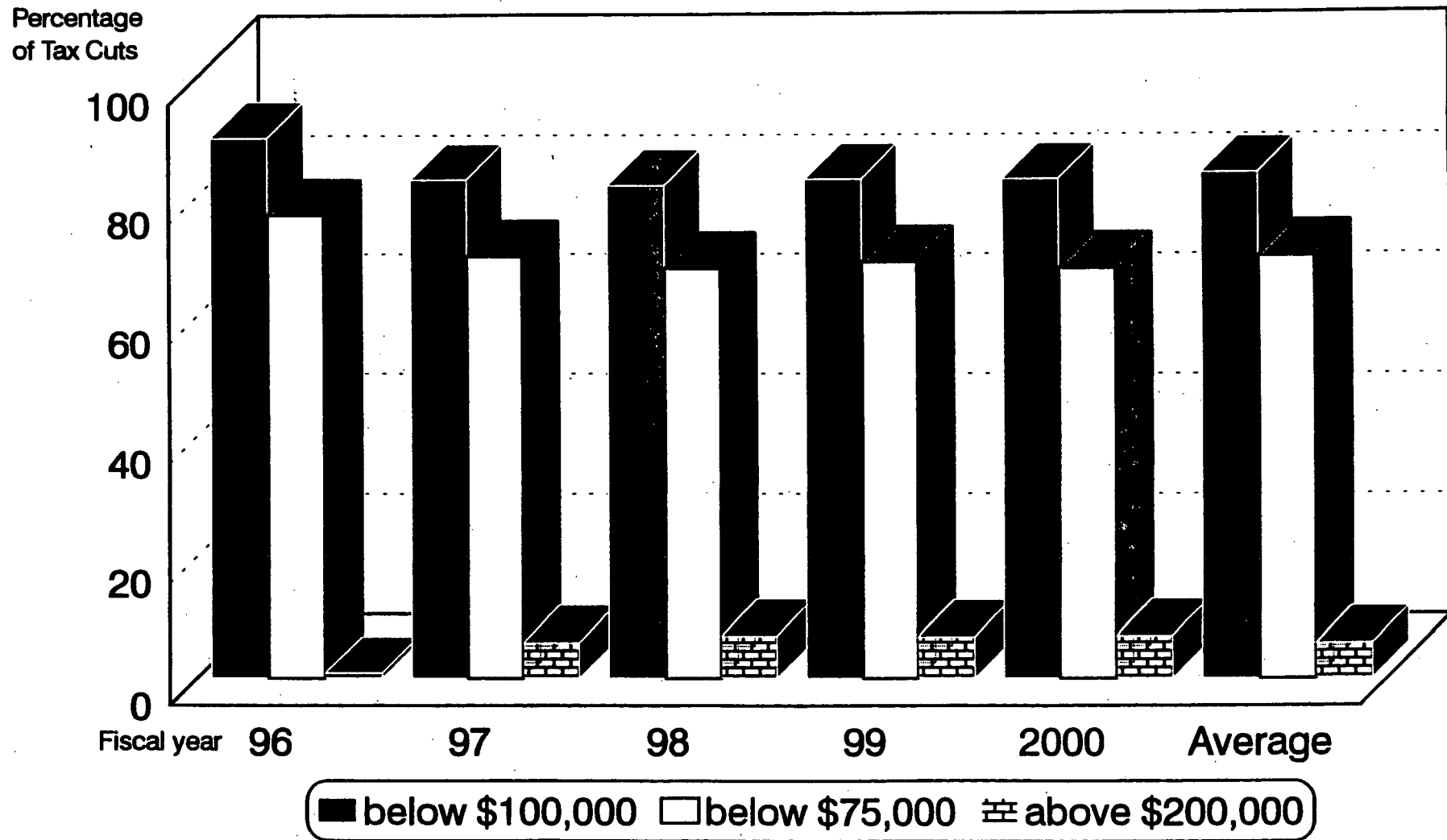
- 90 percent of the proposal's tax cuts will go to those making under \$100,000 in the first year.
- Over three-quarters — 77 percent — of the proposal's tax cuts will go to those making under \$75,000 in the first year.
- Less than 1 percent of the proposal's tax cuts will go to those making over \$200,000 in the first year.
- Over four-fifths — 84 percent — of the proposal's tax cuts will go to those making under \$100,000 in the first five years.
- 70 percent of the proposal's tax cuts will go to those making under \$75,000 in the first five years.
- Less than 6 percent of the proposal's tax cuts will go to those making over \$200,000 in the first five years.

Staff Contact: J.T. Young, 224-2946

[Chart attached]

Not Just Promises, Results:

A REAL MIDDLE CLASS TAX CUT



The income concept used to place tax returns into income categories is adjusted gross income (AGI) plus: tax-exempt interest, employer contributions for health plans and life insurance, employer share of the FICA tax, worker's compensation, nontaxable Social Security benefits, insurance value of Medicare benefits, alternative minimum tax preference items, and excluded income of U.S. citizens living abroad. Categories are measured at 1995 levels.

Federal taxes are equal to individual income tax (including the outlay portion of the EITC), employment tax (attributed to employees), and excise taxes (attributed to consumers). Corporate income tax is not included due to uncertainty concerning the incidence of the tax. Individuals who are dependents of other taxpayers and taxpayers with negative income are excluded from the analysis.